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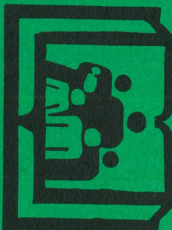
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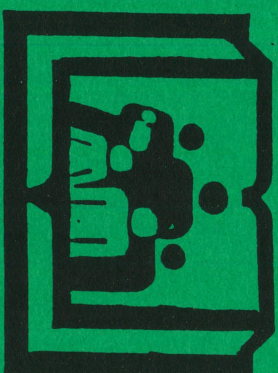
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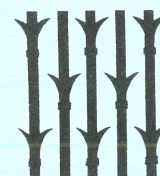
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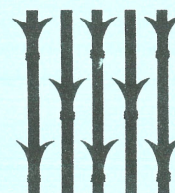
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WILLIAMS, John, Seaman
WILLIAMS, John Q. A., Surg. Steward
WILLIAMS, John Q. A., Surg. Steward
WILLIAMS, Pleasant H., Gunner
WILLIAMS, Pleasant H., Gunner
WILSON, Charles, Seaman
WILSON, John, Capt. of Hold
WITTS, William, Seaman
WOOD, John Taylor, Lieut.
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WRIGHT, Sidney W., Landman
YOUNG, Ephraim, Landman

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Quaker Information

A lot of Quaker families settled in Norfolk, Nansemond, and Isle of Wight Counties. Quakerism started in England in the 17th century. The Quakers were banned in Massachusetts. The monthly meeting records are the most important, also marriage records were important to determine the location. There are no head stones in Quaker cemeteries nor titles in monthly minutes. The Quakers migrated in masses to other states. Births are in minutes of monthly meetings. Shakers were not Quakers. The Quakers didn't support the Rev. War. They cared no weapons and were friendly with

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the Indians. Many North Carolina Quakers migrated to Iowa. Quakers leaving the faith are recorded in minutes. These records have been published and can be found in most public libraries. Mormons have Quaker records.

Information sent in by; Michale Dunn *ael*

Note - Marriage records of Bedford Co. & Campbell, Virginia are also printed in the Quaker Book of Virginia.

Indian General Allotment Act

Dawes Act. Feb 8, 1887 provided 160 acres to each Indian head of family resident on a reservation, 80 acres to each Indian unmarried over 18, 40 acres to every other person under 18. This land was given by the Government in trust and not as an outright gift. About 75% of land passed from Indian ownership.

Allotment Number

From the allotment heirship records when heirs and devisees passed away Indians received allotment numbers as part of their personal I.D.

Indian Treaties 1778-1883

State agreements between various tribes and Federal Gov. Congress provided funds to Chief of Tribes, heads of families an individual Indians. In the form of money payments. Annuities were made from 1841 to 1949. These payment records have been micro-filmed & located National Archives.

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**NORFOLK BURNED
BY BRITISH IN 1776**

Extracts from Old Files Gives Some Interesting Historical Facts of Revolutionary Days.

"The Pennsylvania Magazine; or, American Monthly Museum, Philadelphia: Printed by R. Aitken the Publisher, opposite the London Coffee-House, Front-Street."

From copies of the above publication that are in the library of the Virginia Gazette, we will reprint each week items which appear to embrace historic or other interest to readers of this journal.

Issue for January, 1776

"Extract of a letter from Colonel Howe, to the Honourable the President of the Convention, containing an account of the burning of Norfolk, Jan. 2:

"The cannonade of the town began about quarter after three yesterday, from upwards of one hundred pieces of cannon, and continued until ten this morning. Under cover of their guns, they landed and set fire to the town in several places near the water, though our men strove to prevent them all in their power; but the houses near the water being chiefly of wood, they took fire immediately and the fire spread with amazing rapidity. It is now become general, and the whole town will, I doubt not, be consumed in a day or two. Expecting that the fire would throw us into confusion, they frequently landed and were every time repulsed, I imagine with loss, but what loss I cannot tell. The burning of the town has made several avenues, so that they now fire with greater effect. I have only to wish it may be as ineffectual as the last; for we have not one man killed, and but a few wounded. I cannot enter into the melancholy of the women and children running through a crowd of shot to get out of the town, some of them with children at their breasts; a few have, I hear, been killed. Does it not call for vengeance from both God and man? It is but justice to inform you that I had the pleasure to find every officer ready to execute orders at a moments warning, and that the men behaved with steadiness and spirit. Col. Stevent went down at my command, and headed some men near the water, where he engaged party who had landed, with the spirit and conduct of a good officer. Of my friend Colonel Woodford, it is almost needless to speak, but I cannot avoid expressing that I have received from him every assistance, which conduct and spirit could give me."

"BIRTH. Dec. 7. At Dunstable a daughter of Capt. Bancroft was baptised by the name of Mary Dandridge, the maiden name of his excellency Gen. Washington's lady.

"DEATHS. At South Brimfield, Mrs. Mary Carpenter, she had eight children, sixty-four grand-children, eighty-seven great-grand-children, and two of the fifth generation, in all one hundred and sixty-one, whereof one hundred and twenty-one are now living.

"PREFERMENTS. Captain William Douglas appointed commander of Lake Chamberlain by General Montgomery.

"James Lockwood, Esq: appointed Major of Brigade, in the northern army, by General Montgomery."

**EXTRACTS
FROM ORIGINAL
VIRGINIA GAZETTE**

September 10, 1736: " This evening will be performed at the Theartie, by the young Gentlemen of the College,, The Tragedy of C A T O: And on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday next, will be acted the following comedies, by the Gentlemen and Ladies of this Country Viz. The Busybody, The Recruiting-Officer, and The Beaux Stratagem.

"Mr. Jonathan Gibson, whose Election was declared void, as mentioned in the Gazette No. 4, is rechosen a Burgess for the County of Caroline."

"To be Lett or Sold, very reasonably,

The House which formerly belonged'd to Col. Jennings, in which the Bristol Store was lately kept, being the next house to John Clayton's Esq; in Williamsburg: It is a large commodious House, with Two Lots. a Garden, Coach-House, Stables, and other Outhouses and Conveniences. Enquire of Capt. William Rogers, in York, of of William Parks, Printer in Williamsburg."

"Al sorts of labouring Persons, who are inclined to go to the new Settlement of Georgia, on this Continent, may have Twenty Five Shillings Sterling per Month, provided they will engage for 6 Months after their Arrival in that Colony. And any Persons. who are willing to become Inhabitants and Freeholders there, are entitled to 50 acres of Land, and a Town Lot, and will be allowed the following Encouragements, viz. One Year's Provision: Tools. and Household-stuff of all Sorts; necessary Arms of all Sorts; Iron-Work, and Nails, sufficient for building a House of 24 by 16 Feet; a Cow and Calf, a Breeding Mare, and a Breeding Sow; With several other Advantages.

"Any Persons, who will go to the said Colony, are desired to apply to Mr. Miles Sweney, who is impowered to treat with them and will put them in a Method of getting passages thither, provided they can clear themselves, according to the Laws of this Country. He may be heard of at Mr. Portlock's, in Norfolk, or by enquiring at the Printing-Office in Williamsburg."

Many people made wills in accord with tradition

The need for "a Philadelphia lawyer" did not apply to the wills of English Colonial settlers that continued practices of the Common Law of England, with established legal terms, witnesses, dates, named executors, and precise itemization of bequests to heirs.

In accord with English tradition, not only large estate owners, but persons of little means often made wills. Some inventories show only a suit of clothes or "my large iron pott, my gunn, and my chest." Researchers should assume that ancestors made wills and check records of the county or district courthouse which would have wills for residents of the area.

Even if no will is found, the county will books may carry names of ancestors who died without a will in the alphabetical index of wills, giving page number of an inventory of property of the intestate. Accounts of sales or division of property turned in by court-appointed administrators may name heirs and give relationships to the deceased. Also, tax lists may name heirs who paid taxes after the death of owners of property.

Wills include the name of the testator or legator (one who makes a will), place and date will was made, county and state of residence, items bestowed and legatees (heirs). The testator sometimes referred to his health or age, fam-

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ily conditions, and how he came into possession of properties itemized in the will.

Since the testator often bequeathed property to "my wife," or "my children," without names, a search of the entire estate settlement is necessary. Payments of the legacy or sales of property to heirs in subsequent "accounts current" may give the names. When minor children were left, accounts might continue for several years until final settlement.

Not many original wills were kept in courthouses; most of these have been filmed. Clerks hand-copied papers into court record books, noting the location of signatures, seals, or "X" marks.

Two or three witnesses signed the will and had to appear at court with named executor(s) when the will was entered into probate; executor(s) were then ratified or "qualified" to carry out provisions of the will. If the named executor or executrix refused the "burthen thereof," the court was obliged to appoint an administrator. The

executor was named in the will; an administrator was appointed.

Since witnesses often included relatives of the widow, a check of wills, deeds, and marriages of each signer may lead to connections in maternal lines, a challenge in family research. Prior to availability of marriage records, thousands of lineages are stopped for lack of a wife's maiden name.

A will written by hand (holographic) was allowed probate without witnesses, although depositions sometimes required by the court prove relationships as well as the testator's age, state of mind and health, and ability to write.

Names of persons who died intestate (without a will) are often included in the alphabetical indexes of wills in courthouse record books. They may show appointment of an administrator and name heirs.

Published wills of many counties and countries are available in public libraries; microfilms of Virginia wills may be ordered from Virginia State Archives by a call to the librarian. Wills for every state, and for Canada, England, and other European nations may be ordered and reviewed in the Denbigh Family History Center.

Copies of wills of ancestors are easily obtained, treasures to keep in the family "Book of Remembrance."

Means for finding black family roots improve

The Virginia Society for Black Genealogical Research, organized on the Peninsula in 1987, provides instruction in research methods and pooling of family histories. Members and visitors will meet again on September 12, 1991, at Hampton Public Library. For information about membership, write to the president of the organization, Russell B. Hopson, 125 Cary's Chapel Road, Yorktown 23693.

Resources for black families are improving as snaring of records and cooperation among families increases. Family reunions are now more than fun; records are brought from each household and officers and committees are organized to develop family history.

"I don't know where to begin," is often said by those who wish to know about their ancestors. Charts seem complicated; hearing about Courthouse records, emancipation,

will, and indentures can be intimidating. But the charts are simple guides to step-by-step research through each generation. Charts are available at the gift shop in the Hampton Library and in the Denbigh Family History Center.

After all home sources are gathered and family members interviewed, the census for the county and state where ancestors lived should be checked. Under rights of privacy, the 1910 census is the most recent one available. Names are given, with age, birth dates and place (state or country), of all family members, race, state or county of birth of parents, and other information.

If the county where ancestors lived is not known, the Soundex index, a simple code system, is available for the 1910, 1900, and 1880 enumerations. No travel is required to see census records; all census for Virginia counties is in

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the Virginia Room in the Hampton Library; censuses for other states and for Canada may be ordered through public libraries; the Family History Center will order census records for all states, Canada, and the British Isles. European civil registrations are available for thousands of towns.

Almost one-seventh of the black population, over 500,000 free blacks, were listed in the 1830 federal census, which named 30,000 black slave owners. Free husbands or wives sometimes bought their spouses, but unless the new black owner eman-

cipated the spouse, he or she was listed as slave owner. Children of such couples were also listed as slaves of the purchaser of a spouse.

Shipping records of slave imports list numbers but not names and are not helpful. Even when names are given, as in thousands of wills of white owners, the sur-names chosen by slaves may have no relevance to white owners.

Manumissions, or freedom papers, were recorded in county courthouses. Lists and descriptions of blacks born free and freed in York County and of blacks in the Revolution were microfilmed and are in the Family History Center.

The York County Public Library has recently purchased the 1865 Civil War census which names about 5,000 blacks in the county. Similar listings for 1863 and 1867 are not yet available locally but are in the National Archives.

Isle of Wight Courthouse has a record identifying free blacks. Portsmouth library has the names of about 200 blacks in lower Tidewater who served in Union forces and also two volumes of sketches of blacks in Portsmouth by Bertha W. Edwards. Funeral reports cover over a hundred years in Cooke Brothers Funeral Home in Newport News; records of R. T. Smith in Hampton begin even earlier. Many funerals for black persons, especially in old Warwick and in York County, are in accounts of W. J. Smith Funeral Home, in continuous operation on Harpersville Road since shortly after the Civil War. All these may be seen on microfilm reels in the Denbigh Family History Center.

Computerized Social Security death records, about 40 million names, are in the center; they include place and date of birth and

death, and of application for Social Security. Assistance is at hand and no computer skills are needed; no charge is made. Living persons are not in these records.

Earl Gregg Swem Library of William and Mary holds slave accounts in several estate papers in the Rare Books and Manuscripts Department. Among these are Hol-land family of Nansemond, Booth family of Williamsburg, Hall family of Gloucester, and the Thompson Day Book in the Haynie file.

A meeting for anyone interested in joining a research committee for planning extractions of black records will held on Aug. 20, 7:30 at the Family History Center, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 902 Denbigh Blvd.

Write to Virginia Rollings, c/o Daily Press, 7505 Warwick Blvd., MP 1203, Newport News, VA 23607.

Land grants have wealth of data for genealogies

Colonial Virginia land grants are a magnet for researchers who find that bits of information can be gleaned from a grant description or from a transaction of land in one county which sheds light upon family relationships in adjacent counties.

The grants can provide family information not available for some counties for the 17th century or not available for any time in counties where records were destroyed.

Specific relationships are sometimes given in the land grants, but in other cases they can be made only by inference from descriptions of who obtained original headrights and how the tract changed ownership. In either case, they are invaluable as guides to further digging.

The land grants show where early colonists settled and often trace their moves to other areas as the Colony expanded.

Here are some examples:

■ A King and Queen County grant, for example, includes the information that Mary Nelson, widow in 1686 of George Nelson, made her will in King and Queen in 1696 with Roger Mallory as her legatee. Members of the Mallory family were in Elizabeth City, Isle of Wight and York counties.

■ Martin Slaughter married Lettice Lipscomb in St. John's Parish on the Pamunkey Neck in King William County before 1702.

Robert Davis, who owned land adjacent to the Lipscombs, married Mary Lipscomb, daughter of Ambrose Lipscomb before 1702. They were then neighbors of John and William Lipscomb. Abraham Willaroy, also a neighbor, was married to Dorothy, daughter of Ambrose. The children of Ambrose Lipscomb, named in a different

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land transaction of 1705, were Richard, Ambrose, William, John, Mary and Benjamin.

■ Peregrine Bland made his will in Middlesex County on Jan. 19 1650; his daughter, Hope, had married William Beamount. In 1690, Beamount made a deed of gift to William Barby, son of William Barby.

■ In the same county Bartholomew Ramsey married the widow of John Roberts in 1661.

■ Sampson Darell who lived on the Pamunkey River married, about 1699, Elizabeth Handford, daughter of Tobias Handford.

Microfilmed records of the Hansford family, researched by Thelma Hansford, may be reviewed in the Denbigh Family History Center.

■ In 1620, Capt. William Tucker obtained land near "Sayells Point" in Norfolk which was sold to Capt. John Sipsey, grandfather of John Fulcher who owned the tract in 1701. Thomas Blayton, his wife, Joane, and their children, Thomas, George, Elizabeth and Sarah, were headrights listed together in a Surry County grant of 1706.

■ In 1686, in New Kent County, David Crawford, (Crafford) made a deed of gift of 300 acres to his grandson, David Holt.

■ Edward Gilly of James City County married the daughter of Roger Wormsley on April 6, 1687. Wormsley had lands in James City and the family was later in York County.

■ In Lynhaven Parish in Princess Anne, George Bateman married Hester Holmes before

1658. She afterwards married Thomas Bridge. Both Thomas and Hester were deceased by 1714.

■ William Barrett patented a tract in James City County in 1648 which he willed to his son, James, who bequeathed the land equally to his daughter, Catherine, and to daughter, Edith, who had married Henry Gilbert.

■ At Martins Hundred in James City, Thomas Atkinson gave 64 acres to his son, Thomas, in 1709.

■ John Scott and his son, John Scott Jr., who had lands in early Prince George County, received a grant of 100 acres in Isle of Wight County in 1722.

Additional records for individuals named in the land grants may often be found in the county courthouses. A new book is available which gives the names and addresses, phone numbers and dates of origin of 55 percent of U. S. courthouses and a concise summary of records in each courthouse. Titled "County Courthouse Book," the 400-page volume by Elizabeth P. Bentley, is a reference for all kinds of legal searches and investigations. It is available from Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., 1001 North Calvert St. Baltimore, Md. 21202 for \$29.95 plus \$1 handling fee.

Bentley has produced a second book, "The Genealogist's Address Book," also at \$29.95 from Genealogical Publishing. This 408 page volume is a survey of genealogical societies, historical archives, libraries, government agencies and ethnic and religious institutions, nationwide. Address information includes sometimes difficult resources to locate, such as adoption societies, antique book dealers, newspaper columns and immigration research centers.

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Quakers often fled Virginia

Old court orders filed in the York County courthouse reflect the venom of the Anglican Church against Quakers in Colonial Virginia. Quakers who defied the law and held meetings were subjected to whippings and jail terms. Some were subjected to the loss of their farmland, stock and crops.

A study of the times when there were drives to oust the Quakers and other dissenters from the Virginia Colony will help you find your fleeing ancestors.

Quakers went in droves to Maryland where that Catholic Colony observed the Act of Toleration in a leniency not allowed in Virginia.

Quakers went to North Carolina where they soon founded large Meetings and left abundant records.

The "New Lights" (later Baptists) and the "shouting Methodies," the New England Puritans and all dissenters were also banned by law and driven from Virginia.

Quakers were more vulnerable because they would not resist nor defend themselves.

Wherever they lived or to whatever faraway country they fled, Quakers held the same beliefs. A basic tenet was that each person had a right to choose his belief. This put the Quakers in conflict with any state church of Europe, with the Colonial Anglican Church in Virginia and the Puritan colony of New England, which professed no state church but allowed no doctrinal differences among them.

Shortly before the American Revolution there was a new reason to move as the Quakers were given a strict order to obey the old teachings against holding slaves. Many disownings are recorded in monthly meetings. If your Virginia or North Carolina family disappears before the Revolution and during the decade after, look to the Ohio valley where rich lands afforded a living with less acreage.

It was a time when they also were under stress as conscientious objectors who would not provide food or materials of any kind to the warring young nation. Local courthouse order books are filled with accounts of fines and grievances over this.

A study of families in Isle of Wight shows rifts, disinheritance and heavy sales of lands and homes around Smithfield, which came as some disassociated themselves from the English parishes and joined the Quakers. Converts were made in the stalwart families of Jordan, Carroll, Williams, Webb, Harris, Bridges, Hardy, Hill and Holiday.

Eastern Shore counties had heavy Quaker populations and these families shifted back and forth into Maryland. Extensive records of these members are available.

The records filmed in England and Scotland and several cities of the British Isles by the late Dr. Milton Riley are not yet indexed, but work is under way. This is a vast work on many subjects and this state-funded project eventually will provide more information on Quakers.

Other countries also have archives of Quaker records. From Berlin Zentralarchiv one may see papers relating to Quakers in Prussia and the German Empire. Harry B. Shufelt's accounts of New England Quakers moving to Quebec include accounts of the Austin-Pinkham families and Ball, Brill, Perkins, Ruiter, Taylor, Whittier and other families.

Reels in the Family History Center include Quaker records in Scotland from 1622 to 1890, indexed by surname. Also here are about 60 reels of monthly meetings in mid-western and western United States. Joseph J. Green collected more than 20,000 obituaries of the Society of Friends, nearly 500 pages, which you can see either in book or film.

Records of Quaker meetings of the state of New York were compiled by Josephine C. Frost. This is microfilmed and includes births, deaths, marriages and intentions over a long period of time.

"Quaker Arrivals in Philadelphia 1682-1750" by Albert Cook Myers includes a list of certificates of removal received at the Philadelphia monthly meetings. These certificates give the intent to move to another meeting with the date of the request and the destination of the applicant.

A similar listing by the Latter Day Saints Library is available on microfilm.

The old English of the scriptures may still be heard in meetings of Friends in Southampton County where the Babbs, Turners, Raifords, Stephensons, Williams and many other families established Quaker meetings.

These gentle people settled in towns with names like Corinth, Jerusalem, Antioch and Chuckatuck.

If thee wilt hie thee to the card catalog there wilt thou find rich records of thine ancestors, for the Friends have continually sought and preserved accounts of their people.

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Deeds and contracts

Deeds, contracts giving power of attorney, accounts of property ownership in several counties, and statements of family members relating to property disputes may provide precise family history.

Ages of minors, destinations of persons who were moving, or details of marriages of children are often given in these documents.

Early deeds, wills, minutes of court meetings and legal notices were sometimes recorded in the same ledger in county courthouses.

The types of records included in each book are usually indicated on the spine of the book. Since county clerks set up their own systems, researchers must spend some time learning where the records are. Many of the old ledgers have been restored, and explanations of contents may be written on the frontispiece or otherwise given inside the cover.

The variety of information in deeds and indentures may be seen in many counties; the following are from York County.

In 1680, Thomas Roe of Somerset County, Md., appointed Mr. Thomas Sherwood of York County, as his attorney for transfer of land, as a deed of gift, to Robert Pescud.

This record is rich in clues. A "friend" given power of attorney was often a relative; a deed of gift transfer was almost always to relatives; earlier deed books of York should show when Thomas Roe obtained the acreage in York County. Land records show Samuel Siggall, a witness to this contract, in Princess Anne.

In 1737, William Harris of Goochland, son and heir of

contracts often provide clues

John Cosby and his wife Judith, to Samuel Hill, planter.

The land had belonged to Elizabeth Hansford, sole heir of Richard Jones. Elizabeth Hansford gave the land to her daughter, Elizabeth Hansford, who married Richard Burt, the elder.

Richard Burt Jr. and his wife, Catherine, had three daughters, Martha, Elizabeth, and the said Judith, wife of John Cosby. Witnesses were Charles Hansford, James Hewitt, Thomas Oliver, and Thomas Vines.

In another document, at about the same time, John Hansford and his wife, Rebecca, presented his deed for one acre of land in York County to Martha Hill.

In 1709, Anne Allen, wife of Hugh Allen of Gloucester, appointed Charles Cox of York County her attorney to acknowledge to Mr. William Allen of York that she gives a parcel of 35 acres in York to William Allen, his heirs and assigns.

In 1708, Sarah Island, widow, of London, issued a deed of lease and release to Arthur Allen of Surry. John Shaw was witness.

Mary Whaley, widow, was in the Parish of St. Margaret, Westminster, Middlesex, England, in September 1737 when she sold 100 acres in Bruton Parish, York County, to John Curtis. Known as "Wna-ley's Old Field," the land was bounded by the estate of Mann Page, Esq., adjacent to land of the deceased widow, Elizabeth Bray, at a marsh on Queen's Creek, on the north side by a small valley which lay next to the schoolhouse called Matthews School.

The farm included a wooden dwelling, a kitchen house, coach

house, and the schoolhouse. The sale included an additional 13 acres in possession of Curtis through an agreement made with Edward Jaquelin, attorney for Mary Whaley.

READER'S QUERY. Seeking William Redd of Nansemond County, Va.; born about 1740, died in 1789 in Onslow, N.C.. Children: William, Henry, Alexander, Nancy (married John Pearson) and Whitacre, born 1764.

Whitacre married three times:

(1) Nancy Cary of Carteret County, N.C. Their daughter, Mary Redd, born Sept. 27, 1792, married John Holt. (2) Elizabeth Hardison of Onslow. Their son, John Hardison Redd, married Elizabeth Hancock; their children, all born in Onslow, were Harriet; Edward Ward; Ann Maria; Ann Elizabeth; Mary Catherine; and Lemuel Hardison. (3) Lurana Wilkins. Anyone searching this Redd line and the Whitacre name, please reply to Verena Hatch, 883 North 1200 East, Provo, Utah, 84604.

NOTICE. Eastern European Researchers meet today at 3 p.m. at the Family History Center in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at the fork of Denbigh Boulevard and Old Denbigh Boulevard, Newport News. Call 874-2335.



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Registry globally links up relatives

THE FAMILY REGISTRY is a computerized information system which provides a means of contact for persons searching the same family. It is a means of reaching out to the extended family worldwide.

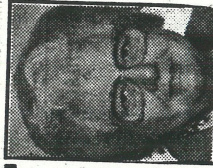
Use of the Family Registry should be the next step in tracing your family tree after you have recorded all the data that can be obtained from documents in your household and from living family members.

With so many family histories already compiled, the indexes to the Family Registry increase constantly.

The rapidly expanding microfiche index for the Family

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Registry is updated monthly.

To use the Family Registry at the Family History Center, you need to enter into the system brief but basic genealogical information for each name being researched, the approximate dates of birth or marriage, the name of spouse and the names of children and the localities in which they resided.

With this minimal information about ancestors entered, the researcher's address and phone number are recorded and

entered into the microfiche index which is mailed to more than 1,500 centers.

It is near certain that others are searching in your lines. This is because we all have so many common ancestors.

For example, when you go back 10 generations you have 1,024 grandparents.

The Family Registry also lists family organizations and names contacts who can inform you about meetings and reunions and exchange data.

Indexes to biographical works, family histories and manuscripts fill microfiche catalogs.

Another valuable resource is the index to millions of family group sheets which fill part of the five-floor genealogy library of the Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints in Salt Lake City.

These family group sheets may be ordered by surname and reviewed on microfilm.

"The Root Cellar" is a worldwide resource for finding others who are searching the same lines you are. It was developed by Everton Publishers of Logan, Utah, and has been thriving for many years.

Access may be obtained through the quarterly, The Genealogical Helper, copies of which are in local public libraries.

The "Root Cellar" index is available on microfiche; ask your local librarian for help.

A local surname exchange project is managed by the staff of the Virginiana Room in Hampton Public Library.

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Probing neglected U.S. history

"Emigrants in Chains, 1607-1776," a new book by Peter Wilson Coldham, is a "social history of forced emigration to the Americas of felons, destitute children, political and religious non-conformists, vagabonds, beggars and other undesirables."

Probing neglected aspects of American history, Coldham recounts the emptying of prisons of London and other major cities of England, as over 50,000 inmates were transported. Enslavement of white English men and women began earlier than slavery of Africans in the colonies and continued, despite objections from colonists, until 1776.

Documents in archives of London, Bristol, Liverpool, Edinburgh, and American colonial papers, were employed by Coldham in giving the background of convicts; laws that allowed deportation for theft; of a handkerchief; bribery; kidnapping; severe treatment that resulted in thousands of deaths; and the prospering of many agents dealing in sales of white slaves.

County records in Virginia contain many entries of sales, escapes, and deaths of bonded servants. Transportation fees were paid to ship's captains and other agents who bought and sold them. Abuse and deaths of many are recorded in Virginia and Maryland, the

colonies that received the majority of English criminals.

Bonded slaves were mentioned in the February/March publication of *Pleasant Living*, a magazine published in White Stone, Va. In 1927, it states, Hammond Morris, a black merchant in Williamsburg, met with Dr. W.A.R. Goodwin's committee for the restoration of Williamsburg. There, Morris said, "My daddy's direct ancestor was a free man with 25 acres of his own. He was master of the bonded slaves at Westover Plantation and was reputed to have been a good, firm, but fair man."

Like African slaves, English convicts and indentured persons were sold, or awarded to heirs at death of the master; their time of servitude was extended at any accusation of misconduct. Many had no way to prove the time they had served. Return to England before the sentence expired brought instant execution "without court or clergy."

In 1655, the sentence of execution was commuted for many to the "reprieve" of transportation overseas. Emptying of prisons and deporting of "homeless vagabonds on city streets," proved so satisfactory to the English government

that laws were expanded to include Scots captured in war, and adults and children on public support. In 1739, George II required emptying of all city prisons, a process needing constant repeating.

"Transportation" was a dread sentence. Tales of horror by the few returned prisoners were well publicized: the ocean voyage with near-starved, shackled prisoners, torrid heat, abuse, extension of sentences and improbability of ever returning home. Convicts put to unloading cargo in ports of Jamaica and Barbados, or in sugar cane fields, often late age 12 to 16, were seldom heard of again.

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